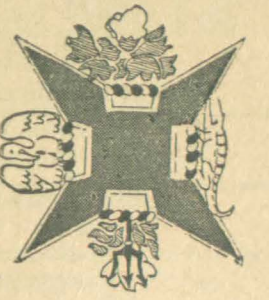




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Men to be Discharged During November Will Serve With Guard Unit

Their Release Depends Mostly On Physical Checkup

Approximately 1,500 Dixie soldiers will be left in camp during the Carolina maneuvers with the provisional guard detachment, it has been announced by First Lt. William H. Hemphill of the 167th Infantry Regiment, the detachment adjutant.

The greater part of the unit will comprise those men duly certified for honorable discharge by Division Headquarters and awaiting final checkups on physical condition, army equipment in their possession and other administrative details. Possibly 1,000 soldiers will be in this group, serving with the detachment until discharged.

Captain James L. Crane, assistant finance officer for the division, and several of his enlisted personnel will remain behind, possibly until the first of next month to handle financial details attendant upon the discharges. Following Captain Crane's departure for the Carolinas, the financial routine will be handled through the office of Lt. Col. H. A. Wear, Camp finance officer.

As on the Louisiana maneuvers, a detachment will be left to guard each regimental area. In the main, these men are those who served during August and September when the troops were away. The same organization and duties are to be the practice, and the men, including those awaiting discharges on priorities one and three will be quartered within their own regiments.

Officer personnel at the detachment headquarters remains unchanged, with one exception. Captain Maurice J. Wilson, 116th Field Artillery, who served as summary court officer during the recent maneuvers, will be on duty with his battery in the Carolinas.

Detachment headquarters will be commanded by Captain Frank M. Whiddon, of the 124th Infantry; First Lt. William H. Hemphill, of the 167th Infantry, will be the adjutant; Second Lt. Alvin Gersten, of the 167th Infantry, personnel adjutant; Second Lt. Charles F. Riggie, Jr., 106th Quartermaster Regiment, supply and transportation officer. A medical officer is to be designated by the 106th Medical Regiment.

Enlisted men at the headquarters will also consist largely of men left behind before. The group, however, will be augmented by clerks from the various regiments, whose sole job will be the handling of discharges.

One officer from each regiment will be left to command the soldiers in his detachment. Their duties, until the departure of the division, are the selection of non-commissioned officers to command the various details. Acting first sergeants, supply sergeants, mess sergeants and at least two cooks and a private to be company clerk will be on each regimental roster.

Regimental detachments include one officer, seven non-commissioned officers and 53 privates for the infantry regiments. The artillery units will have only 43 privates, and the 106th Engineers, 106th Medical Regiment, and 106th Quartermaster Regiment 20 privates each.

Personnel will occupy company streets and eat in areas on order of Captain Whiddon. Like the men in the field, however, the time they will be required to use their mess kits. Rations will be of the same variety as those served the men during the Louisiana maneuvers.

Enlisted men, detached for duty at the provisional guard headquarters, which are just south of division headquarters, are as follows: Master Sgt. Curtis H. Bennett, Service Co., 124th Inf.; Sgt. Jesse J. Smith Co. E, 124th Inf.; Sgt. Claude D. Smith, Hq. Co., 124th Inf.; Sgt. Walter A. Crowe, Hq. 1st Bn., 116th F. A.; Corp. Paris E. Tilghman, Co. H, 106th Medical Regt.; Pvt. Robert R. Tidmore, 31st Signal Co.; Pvt. Bernard L. Gordon, Co. K, 156th Inf. Also Pvt. Ragan H. Spooner, Hq. Co., 156th Inf.; Pvt. Joseph R. Smith, Co. G, 124th Inf.; Pvt.

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Dixie Reporter Here For Guard

Although the Press Section personnel leaves for the Carolinas with the first echelon Monday morning, one of its members, Private George H. Siegel, will stay here to render service to the late echelons and men left at Blanding. He can be reached at the Provisional Guard Detachment Headquarters just south of Division Headquarters, Telephone 540.

Matters relating to the Dixie either of an editorial or a circulation nature, should be referred to Pvt. Siegel, who will remain in Camp Blanding until his discharge is effected. At that time another Dixie representative will be designated in his stead.

National Guard Officers May Join Air Corps

Some overage National Guard officers in the grade of captain or lower, now being relieved of duty with troops in accordance with recently announced War Department policy, will be transferred to the Army Air Forces for ground duties which they are qualified by training and experience to perform, it was announced today by the War Department.

The transfers may effect as many as 2,000 National Guard officers in the company grades and are expected to be made during the course of the fall and winter. Orders for initial transfers already have been requested.

The transferring to the Air Forces of these National Guard officers is expected to free from ground duties many officer-pilots, who then will be available for flight duties.

Finds It Hard To Keep Girls While In Army

"It's hard to hold a girl when you are in the Army," says Sgt. Sterling S. Plunkett of Headquarters Detachment, Third Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment. Sergeant Plunkett declares he has made ten trips and each time had to get a new girl.

SHOW BUS COMING

Another show bus unit with free entertainment is to make a two night stand here beginning October 30-31 and then play points to Key West and back up the state into Georgia.

Soldiers Take Up Collection To Buy Clothes For Little Girl

Back in Louisiana there is a little girl who is happier because in her search to "see some soldiers" she happened to come upon members of Company G, 124th Inf., Regt.

While the Florida soldiers were bivouacked near Pelican, La., a little girl, clad in ill fitting boy's clothing, wandered into the camp area. She wore no shoes, said she was hungry, needed a haircut and bath, but she claimed she was just "looking for some soldiers." The pitiful appearance of the young guest, her bright smile and constant chatter soon made every soldier her friend.

In a short while, rough looking, unshaven soldiers who had just finished a seven day battle, were stumbling over each other in an attempt to do some noble deed for the little lady. First her hands and face were scrubbed clean. Then she ate dinner with the soldiers. Acting mess sergeant John T. Gilmer was complimented for the fine meal he and his cooks had prepared.

While she was receiving a haircut, Company G men were digging deep into their pockets for money to outfit the little lady. Finally after a great search for change, \$5.40 was collected to buy her clothes.

This sum was used by the appointed committee to purchase a whole new outfit for her ward. Ornaments for her new dress were a regimental insignia donated by Lt. Louie C. Wadsworth and an infantry insignia donated by Lt. William C. Horn.

Because of a difference of opinion among the soldiers as to the color of dress and the kind of shoes that should be bought, the services of a lady in the drygoods store were enlisted. Resplendent in her new dress, shoes and socks, the young lady led the way to where she lived with her mother and five brothers and sisters in a pitiful dwelling. The child's mother was deeply touched by the soldiers' kindness and thanked them profusely.

The General Made Himself Clear



Shooting straight from the shoulder, Major General Oscar W. Griswold, new commander of the IV Army Corps, told officers of the 31st and 43rd Divisions and other Camp Blanding units of the Corps that the need of the Army today is improvement of Leadership, Morale and Discipline. Picture shows Major General Griswold addressing the assembled officers, with Brigadier General Louis F. Guerre, acting commander of the Dixie Division in the absence of Major General John C. Persons, at extreme right. Cut lines

Every Uniform Has A Letter, Order States

Officers and men of the Dixie Division placed their summer khakis in moth balls, Wednesday, donned winter uniforms and then started wondering about the difference between the alphabetical regalia prescribed by Division Headquarters.

If you will follow this form you will know what is meant by uniform A, B, C, etc.

(1) Uniform "A" is designated as that uniform consisting of cap, field, serge; shirt O. D.; trousers O. D.; black tie; and shoes, service.

(2) Uniform "B" is designated as the uniform consisting of cap, field, serge; coat O. D.; shirt O. D. or shirt, cotton; black tie; trousers O. D.; and shoes, service. In addition, for officers, etc., Sam Browne belt.

(3) Uniform "C" is designated (Continued on page four)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Pvt. Rufus Tucker, Jr., of M Company, 124th Infantry and Tallahassee, Fla., has enlisted in the regular army air corps to study aerial photography. He will report to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

Remember This

The address for the 31st Division on maneuvers in the Carolinas will be A. P. O. No. 31, Camp Blanding, South Carolina. And—if you're interested—payday will be November 1, in the division's bivouac areas near Great Falls, South Carolina.

Starke To Have \$57,000 USO Club

When Dixie Division men return from Carolina maneuvers they will see a large USO Club near completion on Highway 13, a short distance from the National Guard Armory. The building will cost \$57,000.

While men are engaged in war games, a corps of workmen will be rushing the structure toward completion. The place will measure 140 feet long, 89 feet wide and include a 47 by 51 foot lounge, stage, dressing rooms, showers, lockers, a food service counter and reading rooms.

The USO will be operated by the Army Y. M. C. A. with these members making up the administrative personnel: R. B. Wear, director; assisted by J. H. McInnis and Miss Margaret Erskine.

Recreation Area In St. Augustine Accommodates 1,000

Expansion of the permanent type United States Army Recreational Camps to provide week-end accommodations for an additional 5,300 service men gives the Army capacity to care for 26,300 men at 39 permanent areas, the War Department announced today.

The Recreational Building in St. Augustine, Fla., with accommodations for 1,000 soldiers is already in operation.

Church Hot To Men At Hot Dog Roast

The Riverside Christian Church at Jacksonville, Florida, entertained these members of the 114th F. A. at a weiner roast last Friday night.

Corporal Thomas A. Watson, Hq. Btry.; Pvt. Jack E. White, Hq. Btry.; Pvt. Cecil White, Hq. Btry. 2nd Bn.; Pvt. Noble M. McCuan, Jr., Hq. Btry. 2nd Bn.; Sgt. Horace M. Watkins, Hq. Btry. 2nd Bn.; Pvt. Bob White, Btry. A.; and Pvt. Thomas T. Carroll, Hq. Btry.

Dixie Troops Welcome Guests In So. Carolina

Dixie Division soldiers will be courteously treated during Carolina maneuvers. "Above all they will not be over charged by merchants" in communities where they will either stay enroute to games, or bivouac while they are engaged in the final phase of the final GHQ-field directed program.

Bob Satterfield, secretary of the Starke Chamber of Commerce sent the following telegram to Chamber of Commerce clubs in Great Falls, the site of the division's base camp, Swainsboro, where the four echelons will stay enroute to games, and Columbia, and Chester, S. C., municipalities which will be the center of Dixie troop operations:

"October 24 our soldiers will (Continued on page four)

No Need For Bugler In This Company

Because of the "Newsie" background of Private James Monge, the personnel of Company I, 106th Medical Regiment, 31st Division, feel that they have absolutely no need of a regulation army bugler. It is claimed that the former New Orleans newsboy's voice is so powerful that it can be heard with great clarity for over one quarter of a mile.

Thirty-First Theatre Much Like A Carnival In Spirit

By Pvt. C. W. Hingle

One night last week during a rainstorm, I saw my first movie in the Thirty-First Division Post Theatre. There with fifteen hundred other men who were seeking rainy night diversion I saw a new picture, amid a carnival atmosphere where men drank soda pop and ate pop corn and ice cream.

I chose that particular night for my premiere attendance to the tent-covered picture show because I thought the near cloud-burst would discourage so many of the movie goers that I should have no crowd with which to contend. Therein I was mistaken, for arriving early I found the foyer jammed with drenched enlisted men standing ankle-deep in mud and water, with those outside shoving to get in out of the rain. Inside two cashiers worked feverishly selling tickets to pass the double line of impatient sol-

Carolina Maneuvers Will Be Troops Greatest Test Of Year's Field Training

Club Is Organized To Halt Loss Of Girls To Air Corps

Approximately 100 soldiers of Company C, 167th Inf., this week formed an "Anti-Air-craft Club" according to 1st Sgt. Earey K. Barnes of that company. Sgt. Barnes explained that the purpose of the club was to adopt measures which might prove effective in changing the trend of their girl friends affections. The trend, according to Sgt. Barnes, is toward the soldiers of the Air Corps stationed at Craig Field, Selma, Ala.

"It is a case of 'out of sight out of mind' with our men," the sergeant explained.

Twelve Mobile Canteens To Go To War Games

Twelve canteens will circulate among troops during Carolina maneuvers, Lt. Col. Waldo Willis, 31st Div. Post Exchange officer stated today.

Each unit will have a tent when the regiments are in a base camp, and when they are on the move, trucks stocked with full lines of cigarettes, cigars, candies, and soft drinks will ride with the troops whenever possible. Canteens will be operated in the same manner they did during Louisiana maneuvers.

One canteen is to be stationed in Swainsboro, Ga., the division's only stop to maneuvers to serve the four echelons while they are encamped in the city.

Embalmer Worked At Trade While On His Furlough

Corp. Charles B. Haynes, Service and Ammunition Battery, 2nd Bn., 116th F. A., an undertaker in civilian life had an opportunity to work at his trade while on a furlough recently.

He visited his old place of business and was pressed into service driving an ambulance. While at home he drove five injured persons to the hospital and helped with an embalming.

New Chaplains Assistant In 114th

Pvt. Roger W. Robertson, Hq. Btry. 114th F. A. has been appointed Corporal and assigned as assistant to the Regimental Chaplain, 1st Lieutenant Edmund E. Wells.

Corporal Robertson is replacing Corporal Thomas A. Watson who is being released from active duty.

Glaring Defects of Louisiana Games Will Be Corrected During Mock War

Dixie soldiers under the command of Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, commanding officer of the 31st Division, will be thoroughly tested on "good soldiering" during the November War Games, when as a component of the IV Army Corps they must meet the field tested men of the First Army in extensive maneuvers in North and South Carolina.

According to War Department reports, the Louisiana maneuver, was a preparatory training program for the games next month.

Dixie Division men will wear Red arm or hat bands in this final phase of the GHQ-directed field maneuver, designating them as the smaller force.

While the division has been recuperating from the strenuous War Games in Louisiana, the First Army has been engaged in a field program in the Carolinas. The IV Corps made up of the 31st (Dixie) 43rd (New England of Camp Blanding and attached Corps troops; and the Fourth Motorized Division of Fort Benning, Ga., will be out numbered about 3 to 1 in the games.

Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, Chief of Staff of GHQ and Maneuver Director, will move with his staff from Washington headquarters in the Army War College to Monroe, North Carolina, about November 9 to take over the field exercises of this final phase of 1941 training.

"The completion of these maneuvers closes a major cycle of training," General McNair said today, "and troops engaged in the field activities will find a practical test for the things they have been taught all year in their home stations and camps. Each of the four field armies in the United States will have conducted a large-scale maneuver during the year. During the recently completed Louisiana maneuvers in which the Second and Third Armies were engaged, the glaring weaknesses of the army were brought out in vivid detail. Lack of discipline during black-out, lack of coordinated movement of troops on highways and an unhealthy disregard for air power are only a few of the things we are now correcting. "The existence of such defects was to be expected. Finished fighting troops are not produced in one year. We have uncovered our faults, appreciate their importance and are resolved to eliminate them.

"In this maneuver we expect to see a finer field performance than in any previous exercise. A number of First Army commanders observed the Louisiana maneuvers, saw the defects and will correct them before the GHQ-directed maneuver starts. The IV Army Corps participated in the Louisiana problems and has first-hand knowledge of what corrective measures are needed."

The number of men participating in the Carolina exercises will reach well over 300,000 by the time General McNair takes command. The problem GHQ has prepared will be unknown to the two commanders until a few days prior to the exercise. The Maneuver Director will issue the "go to war" orders on November 16 and will step out of the command picture until he issues his next order, "cease firing." He and his director staff will observe while the two field generals, Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum of the First Army, and Major General O. W. Griswold, commander of the IV Army Corps, develop the problem and carry on the battle.

Again, as in the Louisiana maneuvers, the Armored Corps, the Air Force Combat Command and the parachute troops will be assigned by the Director to either or both sides. Although the entire Armored Corps may be assigned to the IV Army Corps, the two corps will be greatly outnumbered by the larger First Army. Keeping competing sides uneven in strength is almost a

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DON'T GET SMUG

So you've begun to think you're pretty good? Partially. The Dixie's fault we must admit, but a bad state of affairs in any case. Especially with the toughest game of the season coming up. Overconfidence, that bugaboo of coaches, rears its ugly head in the ranks of the 31st.

The Dixie Division has been told of its deeds, has heard of wonderful exploits until there is a real danger of a let-down. That one thing is inexcusable. For we have the ability, the spirit, the fight to take us to the top in any situation.

Sure, we did pretty well in Louisiana. Papers, magazines and the radio have lauded our work. We created a sensation. But we can't warm the seat of our pants and expect these tough boys in General Hugh Drum's First Army to give up the ghost because they hear the 31st is moving in.

We caught almighty heck in the swamps of Louisiana. The infantry marched until tongues touched chests. Artillery moved through mud and dust until breath was a prized possession. Every man worked and moved until he was in a dizzy fog.

But as they say: "You ain't seen nothing yet." The days in the Carolinas will find us wearing the arm bands of an outnumbered army. If we are to stand the slightest chance of success, it will take more work than any accomplished during August and September.

We have some new men in our ranks. Older soldiers have retired to the sidelines to pant a bit and review their work as they go back into civilian life. They will have an eye cocked northward, watching the actions of the division they helped make one of the finest in a fast developing army. How would they feel to have the 31st become a laughingstock.

Those boys in the Carolinas now are gunning for us. They figure it would be a feather in their respective hats if their maneuvering proved the Dixie Division reputation to be a bubble. And that wouldn't be hard to do. A fair job would reflect no credit on our outfit. We are classed among the best. A mediocre job would be as bad as total failure.

IV Army Corps headquarters is looking to us to do a job. They know what we have on the ball. We also have a good idea of our abilities. But let's not let that settle in our necks. This isn't a little warmup against a bunch of untried men.

Our opponents are even now working through the territory where we will fight, getting experience in that climate. We will go into it cold. And possibly we will get much colder as the month drags on.

Maneuvers seem such a huge affair, involving so many men, that we sometimes feel the work of the individual is not important. But it is. The job of the man, added together into a total, determines the final result.

So it's still up to us. Just because we walked away with honors in Louisiana is no reason to relax and think we are set. In fact, it merely puts the pressure on a little harder. The unabridged hell we caught in the Pelican State was child's play according to reports. They expect us, experienced now, to do a much better job.

Remember the statement of our commander, Major General John C. Persons: "We have merely finished high school. College is ahead in Carolina."

"New York Guy" Says Good-by
If You Know What He Means

(Editor's Note: Pvt. George H. Siegel, the Damon Runyonesque New York Guy, who contributed several feature articles on his impressions of Mississippi and Louisiana for the DIXIE, is soon leaving the service via the Over-28 route. Here he says good-bye in the Runyon manner, at the same time giving his reflections on the South and Southerners in his own peculiar fashion.)

Well, all you Joes, I spent many sunny months in Miami before Uncle Whiskers snatched me from the sands of the Beach and choo-chooed me to the sands of Blanding. And I have had eight whole months with the Dixie Division. But, since I was born and bred way up yonder in New Jersey, I guess I'm still a dam-yankee to you all. Not likely to fight, particularly when outnumbered, I guess I'll skip fine distinctions and blow my bugle about other things.

I like to look back on that period called "basic training" — I guess they call it basic because it reduces your wheel base. Looking back at it is the only way you enjoy it, I'm not kidding a bit. We must have looked like mules when we first came in as greenies from Miami's blue skies, for they laid it to the infantry, and I'm not talking about bets either. However, it must have been the right thing, for take a look at us now. All right, all right, make it a close look then.

After eight weeks as a basic private I'm shifted to the Press Section and given an arm brassyard with "Press" in big black letters. I don't mind the boys asking me to press their clothes 'cause I know most of them haven't got the price of the job anyway, and I can't be bothered because of the press of business — you get it, Joe, I hope. This press job is strictly okeh. It gives me a chance to really see the division function and meet the best people from the big gun, Major General John C. Persons himself, down to the hard-working privates like myself. And I not only

see them, but I talk to and writes about them all. It's really an education, folks, and I'm all for it.

I thought I'd have to get my history book out and prove in print who won the Civil (what's civil about war always puzzled me) War, but, no, my Southern mates seemed to care a lot more about World War II, and a Yankee who wanted to help the Dixie Division was all right by them. So I mind, my own business and they mind theirs, and all is copasetic on the southern front. In the office I'm doing my chores along side of a couple of boys from Mississippi and Alabama and one from Florida and Louisiana (remember), and they have a different system than I do. Instead of shooting all the energy down the channel in one big splurge, these deep South boys spread it throughout the day. The thing works, and I'm sold on the idea myself. No use of getting old before your time, and here I'm hugging thirty-five before I find it out.

I also have plenty of shots at these Southern soldiers in action, and they sure like their weapons. Of course, they forgot their history when they tossed them against some Yankee divisions (Yankee covers so much ground that even Ohio and Wisconsin are included) in the wilds of Louisiana, for the boys would have liked to have real ammunition, I calculate. However, it's only their love of combat. To get serious, and why can't I, I have seen the southern boys march and I've seen them fight (with blank ammunition) and there's no doubt they can do a job all right. Grant must have been a hell of a good man to take their ancestors over, that's what I'm thinking.

While pursuing my duties and enjoying such things as furloughs I have a chance to see some of the southern country, too. It will be a shock to the gees in New

York and Brooklyn, but Tobacco Road isn't the South. I have been in a lot of nice homes, and fried chicken isn't turnips by a long shot. The houses have roofs on, too, and I've seen some pretty lawns and lovely magnolia trees. I'm also much impressed by the cities along the Gulf Coast and the grass is plenty green in the Delta. I think I'll organize tours when I kiss the service good-bye, show the real South to the folks back North, and take the southerners to Long Island, Westchester, Saratoga and other beauty spots not too far from Wall Street.

In my tours around the Division, I salutes and gabs with many a high officer—all in the line of duty—and to my surprise they're mostly regular guys, and human at that. I've talked with men from Mississippi's Delta and Gulf Coast and the Hills; with cosmopolites from New Orleans and ex-collegians from Baton Rouge, as well as Cajuns from southwest Louisiana; I've chewed the fat with dock workers from Mobile, and city-bred boys from Birmingham as well as representatives from such "cities" as Ozark and Arab, Alabama, and I've discussed things with tobacco farmers from Live Oak, Strawberry growers from Lawtey, and city guys from Miami, Tampa and Jacksonville. I've done a lot of talkin' and listenin', as you can see from bent ears and my dry lips. I ain't lying and I'm not looking for stripes, for they're opening the door for me to get out, when I say that Dixie is quite a place and you southern boys, in the main, decent guys to live with.

I'm heading south soon, to Miami again and then back to New York and those dazzling bright lights. I've worked and played with you men of the Division and if Uncle Whiskers pushes his long arms out for me again, I hope there's a spot for me in the 31st. Good-bye and good luck, I thanks you all!



Another hard hitting unit has been formed. Through the initiative of enlisted men, the 31st division anti-aircraft unit has come into being. No forms, special orders or transfers are necessary to get into this constructive group—merely a jealous nature.

It is a new movement, spawned by lonely nights in a tent with only a picture for company. This latest club is designed to bring cheer to the hearts of many a worried soldier and dullness into the lives of quite a few languished femmes at home. At least the members of the organization hope so.

For they have combined to fight the evil influence of the air force. Those glamor boys who glide through the air on romantic wings and breeze through a date to the tune of smothered sighs of ecstasy are a hard lot of competition. They have too many swanky uniforms to suit the boys in Company C, 167th Infantry.

But those sterling Alabama soldiers weren't content to sit and grouch about it, they had to take action. So they formed the Society For The Mutual Determen of All Flyers. And they hope it works.

More a propaganda group than a direct action club, they will do all in their power to break the hold these guys with wings have over blondes and other morsels. Each Wednesday they will meet, hold a minute's silent hate for all things in snazzy clothes, then get down to plans for the week. Most of those plans would probably make most flyers quiver if they only knew.

Rumor has it that the straw which brought the club about was the happening in the life of a Sergeant of Company C. He had a date while in his home town of Selma, Ala., the scene of a newly created air base. The gal was about two hours late, but still he waited. A few days of furlough is no time to be getting huffy.

Suddenly she appeared. Seemingly floating out of a cloud, she drifted to the ground and hit with an unladylike thump. Grinning up at him, she coyly stated: "I just took a ride with one of the pilots at the base. This is easier than walking home, guess I'll try again."

We can't guarantee that story, but it was about a Sergeant and privates don't lie about such things unless here's a solid foundation. Personally, this scribe is having trouble himself. And the other guy, the one wearing the wings, seems to be coming in on the beam.

Band Leader
Charmed Snake
With His Flute

Sgt. Wiley B. Scott, leader of 124th Inf., Band tells a Louisiana maneuver story that upholds the adage that music hath charm. This story in particular deals with music and its charm over snakes.

"It was during practice one afternoon just before we left Louisiana," relates the sergeant. "When a snake appeared on the scene. I wanted to show the boys that it was possible to charm a snake with music. It was not new to me as I had tried it before." The band leader went on to say that he began playing a clarinet solo for the reptile and sure enough it wiggled up to the source of the music.

At this point Pvt. Max R. Kreis took over to further amuse the snake with a little ditty on his flute. The snake raised its head and began to sway with the music. Then the whole band eased into a plaintive melody and the snake completely overcome, waved back and forth in rhythm with the melody.

'Pretty Boy' Model
Resents Title

The prettiest boy in the regiment is the title given to Pvt. Lee Altman of company G 124th Inf., by reporter Bill Moody of the Tampa Tribune.

When this reporter was in camp to get some pictures of the average soldier he chose Pvt. Altman as his model. The remarks that the soldier suffered from his fellow soldiers were enough to keep his face red for a long time; but when Pvt. Altman visited his home in Tampa and learned from his snickering friends that Mr. Moody had used some of these remarks, concerning his handsome profile, along with the pictures, it was enough to make him swear off offering his services as a model.

Five Promotions
In 62nd Brigade

Five Alabama men of Headquarters Company, 62nd Inf., Brigade have received promotions according to Capt. John Chilton, brigade adjutant.

Tech. Sgt. Luther B. Ellis, was promoted to the rank of master sergeant. Other promotions were: Sgt. Edgar Swann, promoted to Staff Sgt. and intelligence chief; Pvt. Homer Kerlin to Sgt. as topographical draftsman; Pvt. Henry E. Ehl to Stagg Sgt. as message center chief, and Pvt. Henry Yelding to Corp. as company clerk.

Pants Long Enough
Is His Problem

The greatest problem Sgt. Arnold E. Caldwell, 6 ft.-7 in. non commissioned officer of Company H, 167th Inf. of Jacksonville, Ala., has in the army is getting pants long enough for him. He requires a 38 in length and the longest issued by the quartermaster is 35 inches.

"The army doesn't know there are enlisted men as tall as me," complained the lanky sergeant.

Soldiers Hear
Penn. Evangelist

The Rev. William Shannon, of Brunswick, Pa., assisted by Mike Guido, pianist, led services in chapels all over the division this week as representative of the Pocket Testament League.

The evangelists were met with enthusiasm in the regiments. Reverend Shannon, "X political boss, brewer, mayor," spoke with an arresting informality. In his own words, he is his "own best convert."

Mr. Guido was formerly director of a "popular dance band."

Starke Theatres
PARK THEATRE

Sunday-Monday—"It Started with Eve" with Deanna Durbin and Charles Laughton.

Tuesday Double Feature—"Double Dates" with Edmund Lowe and Una Merke. Also "Ebb Tide" with Francis Farmer and Ray Milland.

Wednesday and Thursday—"Blood and Sand" with Tyrone Power. Friday and Saturday—double feature—"Tumbledown Range in Arizona" with the Range Busters. Also "The Barrier" with James Ellison.

FLORIDA THEATRE

Sunday and Monday—"Belle Starr" with Gene Tierney.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—"Here Comes Mr. Jordan" with Robert Montgomery and Rita Johnson.

Friday and Saturday—Double feature—"Bad Men of Missouri" with Dennis Morgan and Jane Wymann" also "Dressed to Kill" with Lloyd Noland.

RITZ THEATRE

Sunday and Monday—"Blossoms in the Dust" with Walter Pidgeon and Greer Garson.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Dr. Kildare's Wedding Day" with Lew Ayres.

Thursday and Friday—"Flying Blind" with Dick Arlen and "Always a Bride" with Brenda Joyce.

Saturday—Double feature—"Along the Rio Grande" with Tim Holt. Also "Hello Sucker."

Boxing Program
Postponed Until
After Maneuvers

Championship bouts in three weight classes, scheduled to be fought Thursday night in the 167th Infantry arena, were postponed until end of November maneuvers. Wednesday, with the announcement of transference of Captain Ben W. Hudson, divisional recreation officer, to duty with IV Army Corps during maneuvers.

Captain Hudson cancelled the bouts, explaining questions of decisions of judges and other administrative details demanded his presence. He stated that as soon as practical after return from the Carolinas the bouts will be held.

Scheduled to fight were: Featherweight Champion Private Freckles Brown, 167th Infantry, vs. Pvt. Joseph Barracco, 106th Medical; Lightweight Champion Corporal George Holmes, 106th Medical Regiment, vs. Pvt. Charles Carmena, 156th Infantry; and Middleweight Champion Sgt. Bill Ashley vs. Corporal William Burton, Battery C, 114th Field Artillery.

The bouts were to be the first in a series designed to leave the titles open at all times. Captain Hudson anticipates several such matches during the winter.

Medical Unit's
Dance Successful

Company G, 106th Medical Regiment held its first dance in its mess hall last Friday night.

Through the cooperation of the division hostess Mrs. C. W. Chalcker and the Jacksonville Women's Club, real, live young ladies were furnished for the affair. The ladies were transported from the city by chartered bus.

Decorations followed a patriotic motif of red, white, and blue. Privates E. Lussang, J. Meyer, and C. Hunt, all of New Orleans, were in charge of decorations and arrangements. Music was furnished mechanically, and refreshments were served.

A similar affair is to be scheduled after the North Carolina maneuvers.

His Date Floated
Down To Him

Sgt. Mike Chester of Co. C, 167th Inf., was still expecting his girl to arrive after waiting at her home several hours but he didn't expect her to appear as suddenly as she did. The young lady finally floated down in a parachute after going for a ride with an Air Corps pilot, according to the sergeant's comrades here.

New Selectees
Are Welcomed
By Col. Safay

Colonel Fred A. Safay commander of the 124th Infantry extended an official welcome to the new replacements who had recently arrived from Camp Wheeler last Saturday.

He expressed his gratitude to the old members of the regiment for the manner in which they had conducted themselves during the Louisiana maneuvers. Then to all members of the regiment he stressed the importance of neatness in wearing the uniform and requested all to be careful of their appearance when away from camp.

"During the Carolina maneuvers," the Colonel said "I sincerely hope that all of you, old and new alike, will work harmoniously in an effort to maintain the high standard of efficiency which has been established in this regiment."

Guarded Millions
But Lacked Price
Of Cigarettes

Millions for defense and not one cent for cigarettes is what certain members of G company, 124th Infantry say when referring to the time they were elected to guard the Division payroll in Alexandria, La.

Much to their disgust the 24 members of company G, who were guarding a million dollar payroll, discovered that they did not have a cigarette among the lot of them, and furthermore could not raise enough money to buy a package.

To Instruct At
Ft. Sill School

Sgt. Raymond A. Paschall, Battery E, 116th F. A. recently received his Second Lieutenant's commission at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Artillery Officers School. Lt. Paschall has been assigned to serve as a gunner instructor at the Oklahoma Post.

Sleeps With
Chew In Mouth

Private Edward R. Bluhm, Hq. Btry., 114th F. A., goes to bed every night with a chew of tobacco in his mouth. Its still there when he wakes up in the morning. His tentmates wonder if he chews in his sleep.

Major Barrett
Gets His Furlough
After False Start

Major William T. Barrett, executive officer, first battalion, 167th Inf., left here this week on leave but only after much difficulty, according to 1st Lt. William D. Roby of that battalion who recounted the Major's experiences.

Major Barrett was in Birmingham, Ala., on official business and after concluding his business proceeded to his home in Tuscaloosa on the date he was authorized to begin a leave. Arriving there he received a telegram informing him that his leave had been cancelled. He straightway boarded a train to return here.

While en route to Birmingham Mrs. John C. Duckworth, wife of the acting executive officer of the battalion, received a telegram from her husband asking her to convey to the major the information that his leave had been approved. Mrs. Duckworth contacted the major in the Birmingham railroad station by long distance telephone but before the call was completed the officer had to board the train he was riding to Camp Blanding. A telegram was sent to Major Barrett aboard the train but was not delivered for he arrived on schedule at Camp Blanding to learn the news here. Having wasted too much time already he returned to Tuscaloosa via air transport to take the remaining days granted him on his furlough.

31st Post Theatre

Monday—"Buy Me That Town," with Lloyd Nolan and Constance Moore.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"It Started With Eve" with Deanna Durbin, and Charles Laughton.

Thursday—"Harmon of Michigan" with Tom Harmon and Anita Louise.

Friday and Saturday—"Six Gun Gold" with Tim Holt, and Also "Smiling Ghost" with Wayne Morris and Brenda Marshall.

Sunday—"Man Power" Edward G. Robinson, Marlene Dietrich, Clay Theatre

Green Cove Springs Monday—"Caught In The Draft" with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

Tuesday—"Country Fair" with Eddie Foy Jr., and June Clyde. Wednesday and Thursday—"Man Hunt" with Walter Pidgeon and Joan Bennett.

First Lt. James R. Duren, 22-year-old officer of Company D, 167th Inf., directed the first battalion recently while his superiors were on furlough.

Red Cross With
31st In Carolinas

Frank R. Shelleck, Field Director of the American Red Cross at Camp Blanding, has announced that his organization will have a representative with the division

on the maneuvers in the Carolinas. He is Carl Tarbox, assistant field director.

Mr. Shelleck will remain at Camp and William C. Meyer, another assistant field director who recently replaced Frank J. Costigan here, will accompany the 43rd Division.

Medico Quintet Makes Plans For Season

Despite the fact that footballs are soaring through the air in profusion, the thoughts of the men of Company G, 106th Med. Reg., 31st (Dixie) Division are on basketball. In eight starts last season they were undefeated, numbering among their conquests: teams from the 43rd Division, 14th Field Artillery, 31st Division, and a picked team from their own medical regiment.

Nearly all of the men on the team roster have played Louisiana A. A. U. ball and one of the men, Pvt. John Ouzts of Minden, La., played with the Morris-Dickson of 1939 which went to the finals of the National A. A. U. Tournament held in Denver, Col. It is around this fine forward that many of the plays of the team are built. Other classy ball handlers on the medics' team include: Sgt. Arthur De Brueys, Corp. Stanley Kinchen, Corp. Charles Putfark, Pvt. Jimmy Bellocq, Ronald Fresh, Grant Bultman, and C. J. Le Blanc, all of New Orleans.

The loss of two of last years stand-outs, Sgt. Sidney Ginard and Pvt. Charles Moore, will be lessened by the addition of Sgt. Sam Davis, a New Orleans flash. Sgt. Davis will work in the utility spot.

The team is coached by Sgt. J. J. Gendusa assisted by Pvt. John Schmitt of New Orleans. Coach Gendusa advocates the fast breaking type of ball that is so interesting to watch, and so demanding of physical condition in the players. The high scoring of last years team will attest to the efficiency with which the team used this type of play.

This season the team is to be tricked out in new silk maroon and white uniforms. The color scheme of course is based on the official regimental colors.

The schedule for the coming season, not yet completed, will include as many Camp Blanding teams as can be booked. An effort is being made to affiliate the team with the Jacksonville A. A. U. If this attempt is successful, the team will play in fast company.

All Pitch In To Cook Meal For Officers

Company C 167th Inf., didn't worry a bit when all of their cooks went on furlough together, according to Lt. Jackson T. Kerr, mess officer. To demonstrate their culinary skill the substitute cooks prepared a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings recently, and invited several officers in the regiment as guests.

Lt. Col. James A. Webb, regimental commander congratulated the chefs along with Lt. Col. Harry A. Smith, Capt. John Jenkins, John C. Duckworth, Hunter M. Brown, Lieuts. Sammie N. Homan, Rex Keeling and P. C. Kohler. The last named officer of the 156th Inf., was present as inspecting officer. The cooks were Pvt. Hubert Nail, Albert Adams and Corp. Jas. Walker with Sgt. Mackie acting mess sergeant.

Dixie Soldiers Have Healthy Hair

V. V. Voght, who operates a number of this camp's 20-odd barber shops for the Post Exchange, says Dixie Division soldiers have healthy heads.

"In spite of all the dust and sun," he says, "the men generally have healthy scalps. One of the reasons is that they take care of themselves. They take lots of showers and keep clean. And we're not allowed to use any brushes, just as an extra sanitary precaution."

Gives Haircuts Before Discharge

Pvt. 1st class Sam Scruba, 116th F. A. Band, who was honorably discharged from the service last week will be remembered for two things. One is the sweet music played on his tenor saxophone. The other is that he gave his buddies free haircuts just before he left for his home in Tampa, Fla. He was inducted into the service last November with The National Guard.

Bottling Company To Have Own Convoy

The Royal Crown beverage company of Jacksonville will send a convoy of ten trucks to help service 31st Division canteens while troops are engaged in North Carolina maneuvers. The unit will be in charge of Pat Sullivan, sales supervisor of the Nehi Bottling Company. Mr. Sullivan was with the division in Louisiana.

Four Tons Of Maps For Maneuvers

Nearly four tons of maps will be required by The Dixie Division to fight the Battle of the Carolinas! The 106th Engineers' Map Section will make distribution of 3.8 tons of maps to the various headquarters soon after arrival of the division at Great Falls, S. C., according to Major Harold P. Nathan, acting G-2. Approximately 12 tons of maps will be required for the IV Army Corps.

Co. C, 155th Reg. Has 50 College Grads On Roster

Company C, 155th Infantry believes that it is one of the Army's most collegiate companies. It has 23 men from one college in Mississippi—Mississippi College. 18 from other colleges in Mississippi, and ten from outside colleges, making 50 in all.

Three of their officers, including their commanding officer, are from Mississippi College. The majority of the boys were in school when they were inducted with the National Guard. Of the fifty college men in the company, 37 of them are commissioned or non-commissioned officers.

Twenty-two of them played football in college, 18 of them playing at Mississippi College. Most of them played their football together in Mississippi College.

Those who went to Mississippi College are: First Lieutenants W. H. Morris, and Otto Winstead; Second Lieutenants Clifton Landrum and George S. Neal; Sergeants Patrick Ryan, A. J. Tullios, Dewey Metts, Louis Hood, William Eager, Granville Gore, Albert Gore, Freeman Waddell, Elmer Fortenberry, Jack Leifer, Donald Keith, Rayford Mcpearson, and James O'Bannon; Corporal Wylie Alford; and Privates Harold Hennington, Archie Matthews, James Thornton, and Peter Green.

From Millsaps comes Private A. D. Welborn, and from Mississippi State are Privates Wade Horn and James H. Dyar. From Hinds Jr., College comes Sergeants Lamar Puryear, Jr., Ethel Kinard, and Ewell M. Vinson; Corporals Almon L. Buckalew, Giles W. Crisler, Albert C. Gore, Henry R. Sanderson, Jr., and Grover Catt; and Private Fred McKee.

From Wesson Jr., College they have Corporal Edwin F. Osborn, and Privates 1st class James A. Barwick, and Alfred D. Corbin. From Raymond Jr., College are Privates 1st class Earnest L. Dukes, and Fred D. Robertson.

Uncle Sam Paid For His 4,200 Mile Induction Trip

Pfc. Eugene Hosmer of Service and Ammunition Battery, 2nd Bn., 116th F. A. traveled approximately 4,200 miles at government expense before he was inducted into the Army last March.

When he was drafted he was working in a grocery store in Oregon. From the west coast state he was sent to Ft. McPherson, Ga., then to Ft. Barrancas, Fla., and finally to Camp Blanding. The trip took five days and four nights. He is a cook in the Artillery unit.

Letter Contained Only Razor Blade

Pvt. Joe W. Lewis of Company F, 155th Inf., Regt., is trying to solve a mystery. He recently received a letter, postmarked, Ft. Worth, Texas, which contained not a letter, but a blank sheet of paper with a double edge razor blade in it. No return address was on the letter. Lewis claims he has neither friend nor enemy in Ft. Worth.

Amateur Boxer Trains For Bouts

Corp. Edward J. Bellman, Medical Detachment, 114th Field Artillery, outstanding amateur boxer from Biloxi, Mississippi, began training this week to prepare for bouts after a lay off of several months.

Corp. Bellman, a light-heavy scrapper, won the Southeastern Amateur Championship at Pensacola just before induction last November.

Now They Split Pay With "Missus"

These members of 155th Inf., Med. Det., have asked that part of their monthly wages be sent to the "Missus" back home. They are Pvt. James Holland, Rex Trammell, Joe Neely and Monroe Lott. All have been married since Louisiana maneuvers.

After 30 Years Sergeant Learns Year Of Birth

Staff Sergeant Edward Balzie, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, is getting a discharge this week thanks to a little reflection and research.

Before the War Department decision releasing men over 28 was proclaimed, the Sergeant's exact age hadn't mattered a great deal. Sometimes he would say he was born in 1911, again in 1912. On his service record it was 1911 and on the enlistment papers, 1912.

The latter conflict brought on the research when it came to matter so much. He wrote his sister in Mobile, requesting a birth certificate from his church. Arrived, it definitely proved that half of the time he had been right when he gave his age.

The certificate reads: "Born, December 26th, 1911." One year later, the sergeant would have been one month too old.

Conduct Six Day Intelligence Course In 167th Regiment

Twenty members of the 167th Inf., Reconnaissance Unit, commanded by Lt. Jas. E. Foreman of Gadsden are attending a six-day intelligence course this week, according to Capt. George D. Williams of Birmingham, who is instructing. Capt. Williams, intelligence officer of the Alabama Regiment, said the instruction would cover such subjects as map reading, scouting and patrolling, use of the compass, collection of military information, and other subjects pertaining to gaathering information of the enemy.

Sgts. Bobby Hale, of Gadsden, John Addington of Birmingham, and John Meany of Tuscaloosa are the senior non-commissioned officers of the detachment.

The reconnaissance detachment is modeled after the colorful 31st Division detachment conceived and organized by Major General John C. Persons, 31st Division commander. As the 31st unit was known throughout Louisiana as the "Blitz Boys of Blanding" so does the 167th organization carry the insignia—"Manasco's Motorized Maniacs" after 1st Lt. Cecil Mansco of Birmingham, the first detachment commander.

Finds Dry Place For Pups Under First Sgt.'s Tent

First Sgt. Alfred Olson and Master Sgt. Bradley Shaw of Hq. Btry. 1st Bn., 116th F. A. tread lightly on the floor of their tent these days, for under the rough boards is "Queenie," self-adopted mascot who is tenderly caring for her family of six chubby puppies. Queenie was routed by rain this week. During the down pour soldiers were interested spectators while she carried her family one by one to the only dry place she could find.

Traces Ancestry Through Regiment

Pvt. Justus R. Henry of Headquarters Detachment, third Battalion, 155th Infantry can trace his family tree to the original 1st Mississippi Regiment. Henry's great grand father fought with the Mississippi unit during the war between the states. His father fought with the same Regiment in the World War with Colonel George Hogabom, and now his son is in the same regiment. Private Henry has had intimate relatives in every war since 1776.

Tarzan Tactics Failed Him

Pvt. Bob Garner of Company C 124th Infantry realizes now that he is no Tarzan.

His friends relate how he tried to cross a stream during maneuvers in Louisiana. His buddies waded through the knee deep water. Pvt. Garner found a hanging vine and prepared to swing across the stream. With a mighty leap the soldier left the bank and swung through the air with the greatest of ease—but landed in the middle of the stream.

106th Eng.'s Sends 5 Men To School

These members of the 106th Engineers were recently assigned to officers training school at Ft. Belvoir, Va.: Warrant Officer, Paul R. Sheffield, band; Tech Sgt. James L. Barnes, Service Company; Sgt. James N. Lewhorn, Hq. 2nd Bn.; Sgt. Stewart Broom, Jr., and Sgt. Sidney R. Teunisson, A Company.

His Tent Is His Studio



Pvt. Hans Powlak of Headquarters Company, 156th Infantry Regiment explains to his buddies some of the fine points of sculpturing while he works on a figure in his tent. Powlak, before induction into the Army was a sculpture instructor at a well known art institute. One of his gypsum plaques is displayed at the Dixie Division Service Club. His intention is to make a series of pieces, one for each branch of the service.

Sgt. Marsh, Former Horse Marine Served In China During Jap War

By Pvt. F. G. Schaufele
Captain Jenks of the U. S. Horse Marines, to many of us, might be a mythical character in a non-existent organization. But there was a Captain Jenks and like wise an organization known as the Horse Marines, so says First Sergeant James Marsh of Company M, 124th Inf., Regiment who served three years in China with this unique outfit.

"Like many other people," states the sergeant, "I had heard a mention of Captain Jenks of the U. S. Horse Marines, but it never occurred to me that it was anything more than the title of an old song."

"However, when our detachment landed in China, I learned all about it and wasted no time in being transferred," further stated the ex-marine.

Sgt. Marsh, then a private in the marine corps with but a few months training to his credit, landed in Chingwangtoo, China, in April, 1936, after an eighty-two day voyage aboard the navy transport U. S. S. Chaumont.

To the best of the sergeant's knowledge, the Horse Marines were organized about 1912 and were at that time officially known as the American Embassy Guard. They soon acquired the more down-to-earth American title of the Horse Marines. Their duty was to guard the American Embassy and protect American citizens and property. Military police duty was later added to their activities.

But to get back to the sergeant's experiences as an armed equestrian.

After a brief stay in Chingwangtoo his detachment was moved inland to Peiping where they were garrisoned in the American

compound of the international Settlement. This city was the theatre for many so called international incidents which took place after the outbreak of hostilities between China and Japan. It was in one of these incidents that Sgt. Marsh, then Pvt. Marsh of the U. S. Horse Marines, experienced the sensation of riding through a hail of bullets fired from Chinese guns. Here is his description of the incident:

"We were out on our first patrol since the 39th Chinese army had taken over the city. Streets and buildings all over the city were barricaded so it was not unusual, as our patrol of seven men turned into Morrison street, to see a sandbag barricade blocking the street at the end of the block."

We had progressed but a short way down the street when, without warning, the soldiers behind the barricade opened fire. Bullets splattered against the buildings on each side of the street sending particles of wood and masonry flying through the air. They whistled overhead; they ricocheted from the pavement; the horses became frightened and began to jump and rear, one fell throwing his rider. For a moment we were too startled to think but it was only a matter of seconds, I guess, before everyone had wheeled his horse and was galloping back up the street in a mad dash for cover. As we rounded the corner into an alleyway the man to the right of me fell from his horse with a bullet in his thigh. We were a thankful bunch of boys to learn that only this one bullet had found its mark. The man who had fallen we learned later, had crawled to safety in a doorway."

Large Crowd At 155th Dance

The 155th Inf., Regiment's dance held in the 31st Div. Service Club was judged a success by the large attendance at the affair. The place was attractively decorated in blue and music was by the Blue Mood orchestra. Girls from Jacksonville were partners for the men.

The young ladies were furnished by the Defense Service Council of Jacksonville under the direction of Miss Louise Clark, assistant executive secretary of the council.

Lt. George Donovan, regimental recreation officer planned the dance.

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Returns From Sanitation School

Private Eddie Mack, a selectee in Company C, 106th Med. Reg., has just returned from school at Carlyle Barracks, Pa., where he studied military sanitation for the past two months.

NEED WEATHER MAN

Company G, 167th Infantry wants a meteorologist assigned to them when the next group of replacements are sent to the regiment. The soldiers of that command say it has rained every time their company is placed on guard duty.

Stay In Army As Long As Unit Will Have Him

Sgt. Oscar P. Hall, of Battery C, 116th F. A. has decided to stay in the Army. Recently Capt. Edmund J. McMullen, battery commander asked the veteran non-commissioned officer if he planned to get out of the service on the third priority.

His answer will long be remembered by his commander and battery mates. "Cease firing on that 'get out' stuff Sir. I plan to stay in Battery C as long as they will have me." Sgt. Hall has been in the battery since April, 1932. He is a gunner sergeant.

Pvt. With Long Name Promoted

George Eugene Henry Harmon Morgan Monroe Morganthau Mason, III, Btry., D, 114th F. A. has been promoted. Interviewed recently by a reporter he said, "The army has at last discovered my true worth—they have decided to pay me six dollars a month more money."

Asked what his present assignment was that added so much to his value to the service, George replied, "It's not a new assignment or anything like that,—I'm still general flunky, but now I am a first class flunky."

Thanks Men For Work In Games With A Party

More than 75 members of Service Company and Medical Detachment, 167th Inf., were feted at a chicken and shrimp supper by Capt. Joe Lewis of the Service Unit, at a Jacksonville Beach restaurant recently. The party was held to pay tribute to the men for the outstanding work they did in the Louisiana Maneuvers.

Capt. Lewis said that another supper would be given for those members of the command who were on furlough.

The Gadsden, Ala., soldiers ate fried chicken and shrimp by the platter while french fried potatoes, string beans, iced tea, and relishes disappeared as rapidly.

"I was proud of the men and the job they did in Louisiana and wanted them to have a little extra dinner before departing for Carolina maneuvers," Capt. Lewis said.

It was the farewell appearance of several of the soldiers, who are being discharged prior to leaving for November games.

Col. Faulconer At Dedication Of Benning Chapel

Lt. Col. James A. Faulconer, division chaplain attended the dedication of the first completed army chapel at Ft. Benning, Ga., last Sunday. Chaplain H. D. Southard, Fourth Army Corps, was the principle speaker.

Col. Faulconer made the trip to the Georgia post by plane. He stated "that after seeing regimental chaplains hold services in various buildings for almost a year, the new \$15,000 structures should provide a faculty and impetus for religious ministrations to the army."

Chapels at Blanding are expected to be completed by the time the division returns from the Carolinas.

Company Mascot Described As Blonde

When First Sergeant Dennis O'Rourke of Company C, 124th Infantry filled out the Certificate of Canine Rabies Vaccination for the company's mascot, Gold Brick, it was necessary to give a description of the dog. The veterinary asked him the color of his pet and Sgt. O'Rourke could think of no better description than "blonde" which the veterinary readily accepted.

The mascot was named "Gold Brick" by painfully limping into the first sergeants tent one morning during sick call. When the breakfast call was sounded the dog raced for the mess hall with all four feet hitting the ground.

Took Two Errors To Get His Shoes

Supply Sergeant Donald Morgan of Hq. Btry., 114th F. A. requisitioned a pair of shoes for Pvt. Steve Devon. When the shoes arrived it was found that the right shoe was size 10 1-2 and the left a 11 1-2 shoe.

A short time later the sergeant requisitioned another pair of shoes. This time he received a 10 1-2 for the left foot and a 11 1-2 for the right foot. By the double error, Devon, now has the right brogans.

Hunters Bag Company's Meal

Four members of Co. F, 155th Inf., Regt., proved themselves to be hunters and fishermen extraordinary when they shot enough squirrel and caught enough trout to feed the entire personnel of the outfit.

Dinner was provided by Lt. C. H. Battle, Sgt. Jack Stribling, Corp. E. W. Warren, and Sgt. Horace Bell. In addition to the game dishes, the meal was embellished by lobster, potatoes, fruit cocktail, ice cream and cake.

Btry. Has Had Five Commanding Officers

Service Battery 2nd Bn., of the 114th F. A. claims a new record: Since arrival at Blanding last November, the battery has had five different commanding officers. Present commander is Captain Fred W. Koops, formerly Regimental adjutant.

JOIN AIR CORPS

Six members of Company C, 155th Inf., Regt., transferred to the Army Air Corps last week. They are Sgt. Elmer Fortenberry, Sgt. Lewis J. Hood, Sgt. Dewey Metts, Sgt. Freeman B. Waddell and Pvt. Peter Green.

Stayed In Army So He Could Be First Sergeant

Within the next two weeks, Pvt. Roland Smith will have attained an ambition. He will be made First Sergeant of the 106th Ordnance Company eight months after his induction with other trainees. Present First Sergeant Robert McConnell, over 28 and married, is retiring.

The soldier who replaces McConnell is over 28 also, though unmarried. He could get out, too. But he decided to stay in four months ago upon completion of his basic training when he was given a third class specialist rating.

Serving as first sergeant will not be a new job for the former private. As a matter of fact, it will be his third time to control the goings and comings of a company of men. At Ensley High School, Birmingham, he held the rating in R. O. T. C. Again in college, the University of North Carolina, he was first sergeant for two years.

He missed a commission in senior R. O. T. C. only by six weeks. Sgt. Smith had completed his four years of college military training but lacked the month and a half of camp that must be completed during the period. He had a job awaiting him, and just could not spare the time. Smith regrets it now.

Handling men, even from the civilian's angle, won't be a new undertaking for the sergeant. In Birmingham he was construction foreman for Tennessee Coal Iron and Railroad Company, with a crew of never under 200 men, sometimes over 1,000. He held the job ten years.

While on furlough in Birmingham last week his employees heard he was in town. Presuming he had received a discharge, they ordered him to report to work Monday morning. Then Smith told them what was about to happen. They shook their heads, looked at him intently a minute, but promised to hold the job for him—when he finally gets out.

The new sergeant has been interested in things military since he was quite young. As a boy he read history, admiring the Napoleons and Alexander the Great. After high school he attended Howard College, Birmingham, transferring to the University of Georgia the next year. He played football at Georgia, and later at North Carolina, on scholarships but he found time for R. O. T. C. at both institutions.

As a selectee, his instructors found him quite apt, really only needing a little reviewing. As soon as his basic training was completed he received his rating. He has been in the artillery section of the ordnance unit for three months, his job checking the artillery pieces. Now he will check men.

Smith will assume the sergeantcy when the division goes to South Carolina. And he has another reason for wishing to fight wars in that particular locale. Not far from the base camp will be the girl he courted in college. He hasn't seen her in ten years but they have been corresponding regularly. Smith requested that this information be withheld from Birmingham papers.

So here we have a man who could get a discharge for the asking. His job as a civilian would pay more than the First Sergeantcy. Thirty-five years old, his chances of obtaining a commission are slim. He likes the army.

Locker Club Plans Bouts

The Army and Navy Locker club of Jacksonville, Fla., will start big time boxing October 27th at the Duval County Armory. Jimmy Finley, veteran scrapper and promoter will act as matchmaker.

It is the intentions of the club to feature some of the best talent in the U. S. A., and such scrappers as George Abrams (uncrowned middleweight champion) Ken Overlin, former champ, Steve Balloise, Al Netlow, Tommy Gomez, Tommy Tucker, Cal Cagni, Frank Poreda, Joe Legon, and numerous other top notchers.

Chaplain's Sermon Topic Popular

Soldiers of 106th Medical Regiment at filling Company G's day room each Sunday to hear Chaplain A. T. Noland give a series of talks on the Sermon of the Mount. The series is to be continued during maneuvers.

A "church attendance" contest was recently started by the regiment's spiritual leader. The unit having the most men at Sunday service from now until the third Sunday of December are to be guests at a barbecue.

Relax With Their Needle Work



When recall sounds in the afternoon, soldiers seek diversion from a hard day in the field. Most relaxing according to Pvt. Rubin H. Peoples, left, and Corp. William B. Cudley of Co. D, 167th Infantry Regiment, is needlework. The two men are shown working in their tent on a spread.

Reporter Finds Dental Clinic Works Quickly And Efficiently

By Pvt. Bob Fowler

Yes, even a "Dixie" reporter gets a toothache now and then. Yesterday I reported an ailing molar to the 116th Field Artillery dental officer, and he in turn sent me over to the Division Dental Clinic at the corner of Mississippi Road and Vicksburg St.

Upon arrival, I found the clinic to be a large, two-story wooden frame building with only 127 other soldiers ahead of me. I waited patiently but with doubts as to how many meals I would miss and what condition my tooth would be in by the time a dentist got around to looking at it.

The line diminished somewhat after an hour and I was nearing William E. Vinson, a sergeant from the station hospital, who keeps the clinic records. He inquired: "Do you have form number so-and-so?" and I showed him a slip of paper I had brought with me. He looked satisfied so I gathered that was the form so-and-so. The sergeant directed me to a waiting room where only 30 soldiers were ahead of me.

Here I sat and began to worry, wondering if the lieutenant doctor was going to hurt me, for I was close enough to the treating room to hear the buzz of drills and the occasional groans of soldier patients.

All of a sudden I heard my name mentioned very loud, and a guy in a white coat was beckoning to me with his finger with that "ah-ha-I've-got-you-now" expression on his face. The "guy" turned out to be Captain E. M. Blackburn of Jackson, Miss., and his duty is checking teeth to see what is actually wrong. He gave my mouth the once over and recommended the work to be done. All this he wrote down on my form so-and-so. He directed me to the next room, and here I found only 12 soldiers ahead of me.

Just as I sat down I was approached by Private Aerial Sheffield, dressed in his spotless white. He put me at ease for I knew him; he is from Tampa and in the 116th Medical Detachment. He led me upstairs and, surprise the dentist out of the 25 in the treating room who was to work on my teeth was 1st Lt. Paul A. Jones from the 116th Medical Detachment. He repaired my ailing tooth—and four others! The treatment was painless.

Between the times Lt. Jones was drilling on me, I could see nothing but dentists, chairs, and equipment in the huge room. Or my way out I counted 25 dental chairs. My experience was painless, and best of all it was free.

Touch Football Team Wants Games

Company M 155th Infantry, touch football team, challenges anybody in the 31st Division to a game. They claim they have defeated all opposition from their regiment and the 156th Infantry and would like a chance to show their wares to other opposition.

Pvt. Vincent Bonefi of B Company, 106th Engineers celebrated his promotion to corporal by getting married. His bride is the former Miss Dorothy Robertson of Vicksburg, Miss.

Accident To Bugle Given As Reason For His 'Hot Licks'

Pvt. George McCary, Co. B, 106th Eng., is the Dixie Division's "Boogy Woogy Bugle Boy." Many times in the course of his horn tooting duties he adds a hot lick. When questioned as to why he makes his own arrangements of the various calls, he replies "that since my bugle was in an accident, I can't always control its tones."

Sometimes Pvt. McCary's good nature is taxed by the pranks his buddies play on him. Recently his horn was filled with flour. A wide area was whitened when he blew the first blast.

First Call as sounded an hour earlier a short time ago. Jokers set his clock ahead an hour with the result that the regiment was cheated out of an hour's sleep.

Provisional Guard

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Gilbert A. Carothers, Hq. 2nd Bn., 114th F. A.; Pvt. Thomas W. Arsenau, Co. D 124th Inf.; Pvt. Egbert J. Hines, Btry. B, 114th F. A.; Pvt. Lewis H. McDonald, Co. C 124th Inf.; Pvt. William V. West, Co. D 124th Inf.; Pvt. Richard B. Conrad, Hq. 1st Bn., 116th F. A.; and Pvt. 1st class William S. Blomeley, Co. A, 124th Inf.

The headquarters staff may be supplemented by qualified men from the ranks of those going through the honorable discharge process.

Secrets In His Diary Worth Money

Eddie "Chick" Migues of 114th F. A. Medical Detachment, has lost his diary and doesn't know where to find it.

"The diary," Chick says, "contains many juicy items and interesting names. But," he quickly adds, "they are of importance only to me."

"I am willing," says Chick, "to pay the finder of the diary a very liberal reward for its return—provided, of course, that he doesn't read beyond the first page."

Extras At Meals Easily Fed

The cooks and K. P.'s of Company I, 106th Med. Reg., feel that if the necessity arose, they could feed the entire fighting force of the division.

While on the Louisiana maneuvers the clearing company had occasion to feed nearly four hundred men for several days.

Meals were prepared by the normal compliment of cooks and K. P.'s and the regulation field equipment of only one company.

The heavy rains this week gave the 155th Infantry its first opportunity to put into use the recently finished company rooms. The rooms are completely waterproof. They were first used for general lectures.

Mobile Recruiting Unit Making Tour Of Camp

Success is being enjoyed by the Army Recruiting Mobile Station which arrived here Oct. 13 to accomplish enlistments and reenlistments for the Regular Army among the National Guard units in this camp.

Staff Sgt. Ansley W. Evans, who commands the attractive mobile unit, says approximately 50 soldiers per day are applying for discharge for the purpose of enlisting in the Regular Army for three year periods.

The unit will visit each regiment and battalion in the camp during this tour, which extends from Oct. 13 to 31, showing pictures of the activities of many branches of the Army, including among others the Air Corps, the Cavalry, etc.

There are openings for soldiers in Panama, Puerto Rico and in many sections of the United States, Sgt. Evans declared.

The Mobile Unit came here direct from Atlanta, Ga.

Army Prevents His Trip To Cuba

Private Joseph L. Cannella, ever-smiling chauffeur of Company D, 124th Infantry, isn't smiling so much of late and for that change of disposition, the Tampa lad has good cause.

Joe has a pulchritudinous sister by the name of Francis who was voted "Miss Latin America The Ninth" in the cigar city by popular vote at the annual Latin Carnival Ball. Part of her reward was a ten-day trip with escort to Havana, all expenses paid. That's where soldier Joe was supposed to come in. However, Uncle Sam needed Pvt. Cannella, so his father squirmed "Queen Francis of the House of Cannella" to Cuba. That's why Joe's smile is missing these days.

Has His Job Waiting For Him

Sgt. F. Mc Graw of Co. D, 167th Inf. Reg. was discharged from the service on one of the priorities last week and announced to his buddies that he would start work with the Tuscaloosa Paper Company on Monday. He worked for the concern before induction with the National Guard last November.

Drivers Asked To Obey Laws

Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commanding officer of the IV Army Corps requests soldiers of the Dixie Division to respect all traffic regulations, "particularly that one which requires all vehicles not to pass school buses when loading or unloading children. Drivers of Government vehicles will be cautioned that all local laws must be obeyed."

Feature Of Concert Was Comedy Team

The feature attraction at the 114th Band Concert Wednesday night was comedy acts presented by Sgt. Bob Roane of Hq. Btry. 1st Bn., and Pvt. Slug Smallwood, who recently left the regiment to join the 3th F. A. Sgt. Roan was master of ceremonies and Pvt. Smallwood presented tap and specialty dances.

Tommy Gomez Kayos DeSola In Third Round

Pvt. Tommy Gomez, battling medico in the 116th F. A. proved he was no worse for two months of Louisiana maneuvers when he administered a terrible pounding and a third-round kayo to the Spanish heavyweight, James Desola, in Davis Island Casino, Tampa, Monday night.

Three thousand cheering fight fans saw the 185-pound, Camp Blanding soldier start the first round with a barrage of blows that kept his 200-pound opponent on the defensive.

The artilleryman was wild in his range in the first canto, but later scored direct hits on the Spaniard. After the knockout punch was landed, Desola could not get up for several minutes.

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of stories on themselves. Conspicuous by its absence was the "gripping" that characterizes all healthy bodies of troops. Here, it appeared, the men had come for the purpose of forgetting everything outside the tent, to enjoy themselves and they were succeeding. I had often wondered why men would stand for hours in line waiting for the "theatre to empty in order to get a seat for the second show." Once inside I understood why, even before the moving picture appeared on the screen.

On schedule the skilled operators, Pvt. James H. Russell of Haines City, Fla., and Augustus Shackleford of Madison, Fla., turned on the projectors and the 1,500 soldiers settled down to enjoy the picture. Water-soaked shoes, wet clothing was forgotten and for two hours all else was forgotten as the picture-story unfolded on the screen.

Thus I discovered something I didn't know existed within the camp's boundaries and it is all managed by a private, Raymond Davis of Jacksonville, Fla.

Carolina Games

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sure way to prevent a stalemate. A quick and decisive decision can be reached within the two-week time limit of the maneuver.

Assisting General McNair at his headquarters will be Brigadier General Mark W. Clark, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of GHQ and Deputy Director, and a staff of approximately 50 officers. Officers assigned to the various groups stay in the field day and night, observe, and report back to the Director what developments have taken place in the tactical situation. These groups include: armored force, anti-tank, aviation, cavalry, medical, engineer, parachute, signal, artillery and fire marking.

Palatka Club Entertains 114th

Men of the 114th Field Artillery were guests at a dance last Friday night arranged by the Eagle Club in the Eagle Home, Palatka, Fla. The affair included a "Grand March" and interesting novelty features.

Members of the Eagle Club invited all men to come back at any time, saying they would be very happy to furnish dancing partners and hall.

Digs Holes For Wedding Present

The first sergeant of 155th Inf., Med. Det., was not impressed when Pvt. Joe Neely told him that he went AWOL five days to get married.

"The punishment is five holes for the five days you were absent said the non-com. Pvt. Neely argued—"Jackie Coogan did the same thing and only caught one day's K. P."

"You're not Coogan," said the first sergeant. "Here's a shovel. Start digging."

Put Up Tent In His Tent

During the heavy rains last week, Pvt. Edwin E. Luper of the 155th Inf., slept in a tent within a tent. When his living quarters leaked the soldier employed his maneuver experience and pitched his put tent on the floor.

Staff Sgt. Walter A. Brown of the Medical Detachment, 106th Engineers is attending Officer's School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. When he graduates, Sgt. Brown will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Citizens Committee Wants To Hear Your Views On Its Show

'If you liked the program put on recently by the "Show Bus," write them and say you did.'

This was the urge to Dixie Division soldiers passed on by Captain Ben Hudson, division recreation officer, who is in charge of the arrangements of amusement programs for the 31st. He says that a few words of appreciation will bring even better performers.

So here is what to do: Write the Citizens Committee for the Army and Navy Incorporated, 390 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York, and tell them that you liked the program and the spirit behind it. Who knows, it may be Sally Rand next time. Better do it.

Dixie Troops

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start leaving camp Blanding for the Carolina. Ask your people, merchants, business men to be courteous to our boys. Above all, prevent them from being overcharged. Let's uphold this tradition of the south!

Signed,

The Citizens of Stark, Starke Chamber of Commerce, Robert Satterfield secretary, Gov. Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina answered the telegram through Hayward Mahon, South Carolina Director for National Defense. The letter stated "we assure you that we will welcome your soldiers from Camp Blanding to South Carolina."

He added, "that it is our belief that soldiers who are already here from various states in the union would tell you that South Carolina has received them with open arms, that they are not being overcharged, and that they are treated as welcome guests."

Disney Studio Could Not Comply With Request

Last week this paper printed a story telling how members of 124th Anti Tank company had written the Walt Disney studios for a picture of Pluto to be used as an insignia, and how the studio had substituted another cartoon. Perhaps the reason why they did not get the desired Pluto cartoon, is hidden in the following paragraph in the letter sent the Disney Studios.

"We are desirous of obtaining a picture as an emblem for this company in the nature of 'Pluto' running away from, with his tail between his legs, and in his usual stopping position of four feet skidding, in his rear a red hot projectile from an anti-tank gun. This picture of Pluto upon a tank with your name on the bottom of it."

"I was not sure just what I had in mind at the time," says company clerk Corp. E. H. Todd.

Blitz Buggies For 106th Med.

The motorcycles of the 106th Medical Regiment, are to be replaced by "blitz-buggies." This will be a boon to the liaison men and messengers of the regiment.

No longer will drivers have to fear for their necks during blackouts and tangled traffic. The highly maneuverable little cars are as agile as motorcycles, and a great deal less hazardous and uncomfortable. Delivery will depend upon availability.

Afraid His Arm Healing Too Fast

Corporal Ludie Monette, Service Btry, 2nd Bn., 114th F. A. is worried. Corporal Monette's right arm was broken in an automobile accident a few weeks ago and it's healing too fast to suit him.

Ordinarily, rapid healing of a fracture is to be desired. But from where Corp. Monette is standing it begins to look like Carolina Maneuvers next month, something he had hoped to avoid.

'Release' Party For 124th Men

Soldiers of Company A, 124th Inf., Reg., who will soon be released from the army, were feted at a party held in the 31st Div. Service Club, Thursday evening.

After dinner, the 124th Inf. dance band played for dancing. Fifty young ladies from Jacksonville were partners for the men.

Thirty-First Division soldiers will have an opportunity to obtain 50 copies of the Notice of Radio Examination to be conducted by the Federal Communication Commission in Jacksonville, Nov. 22.

Every Uniform

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as that uniform consisting of hat, fatigue; clothing, fatigue; and shoes, service.

b. Uniform "A" and "C" Authorized for field wear or drill.

c. Uniform "A". Authorized for wear during off duty hours and ceremonies.

d. Uniform "B". Authorized for wear during off duty hours and ceremonies.

e. The overcoat, short coat and mackinaw. Authorized for wear with either Uniform "A" or "B". The uniformity in the use of these, for a command in formation, is the responsibility of the appropriate unit commander.

f. Jacket, field. Authorized with Uniform "A".

g. Headgear.

(1) Cap, field, serge. Authorized for wear by all personnel.

(2) Cap, service (garrison). Authorized for wear by all officers and warrant officers only when not in formation with troops.

(3) Hat, field, cotton. Authorized for wear by all officers and enlisted men with Uniform "A" when in the field or engaged in training exercises. It will not be worn off the reservation except in maneuvers or similar training.

(4) Hat, service. Authorized for wear by officers when the field hat is worn by enlisted men, or during inclement weather with raincoat.

(5) Uniformity in headgear is the responsibility of appropriate unit commander.

h. Trousers of the light shade are authorized for wear by officers and warrant officers only.

i. Leggings as authorized for drill or exercises by appropriate unit commanders.

Private To Second Lieutenant Record Of 114th Selectee

Private one day and second lieutenant the next is the record of Lt. George A. Ray of Headquarters Battery 114th F. A. who received his gold bars Wednesday.

Lt. Ray was inducted into the service March 26, and was assigned to the radio detail of his battery. Later he was placed on detached service with the 31st Division Signal Company to attend radio classes at the University of Florida.

Upon completion of his course he was selected by United States Signal Corps to be promoted to Second Lieutenant and later to be sent to England for duty with the Aircraft Warning Corps.

Three 167th Officers To Go To Benning

Three officers of the 167th Infantry have been selected to attend the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., beginning this week, according to announcement today by Col. Walter M. Thompson, regimental commander.

Capt. E. W. Redman and First Lt. David T. Taber, both of Gadsden will be enrolled in the basic course for officers while Lt. James H. Massingill of Tuscaloosa, will study in the communication school.

Temporary Canteen In Officers Mess

Soldiers of 106th Medical Regiment since return from Louisiana maneuvers have been purchasing cigarettes, candy, cigars and soft drinks in the unused officers' mess hall. Their canteen, Post Exchange No. 11 has remained closed since summer games.

Easy Way To Remember G's

If you remember the word PITS you will have the key to the various functions of G-1, 2, 3, 4 officers in Division headquarters. G-1 is personnel. G-2 is Intelligence. G-3 is Training and plans and G-4 is Supply.

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FOUND—M-1 Rifle S. Mo. 18851 when Division Command Post was located between Ward and Oakdale. Found near H. Q. Co. Special Troops and the Signal Co. See Pvt. Chason of the 31st M. P. Co.

LOST—One brown handbag at Hammond, La. Liberal reward. Bag has only one handle. Pfc. Murphy Young, Co. G, 155th Inf. Reg.

FOUND—One Army Model 45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol in the Oakdale area of Louisiana. The owner may claim the pistol by identifying the correct serial number. Apply Company I, 106th Medical Regiment, 31st Division.